

REMARKS

In the last Action, election was required among Group I, claims 1-2, drawn to a working fluid injection apparatus; Group II, claims 7-8, drawn to an injection method; and Group III, claims 10-11, drawn to a method of manufacturing a fluid dynamic pressure bearing. The Examiner stated that the three inventions are patentably distinct from each other, thereby making election proper. Applicants were required to elect one of the three inventions for further prosecution in this application.

In response to the election requirement, applicants have provisionally elected Group I drawn to a working fluid injection apparatus, and submit that claims 1-2 are readable on the elected invention. The non-elected claims have been retained in the application pending possible withdrawal of the election requirement or applicants' decision to pursue the subject matter thereof in a continuing application.

In light of the foregoing, early and favorable action
on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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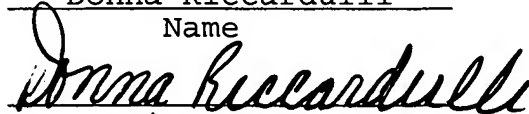
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